

Book Chronicle

Books received in 1989

Bekker-Nielsen, H. & Nielsen, H.F.: *Beretning fra syvende tværfaglige vikingesymposium. Odense Universitet 1988*. Forlaget Hikuin & Afdelingen for Middelalder-arkæologi, Aarhus Universitet, 1989. 55pp. (orders to: Forlaget Hikuin, Moesgård, DK.8270 Højbjerg)

This modest series of reports has been issued annually since 1982 presenting three papers selected among those read at the annual inter-disciplinary Viking symposium held in turn in Aarhus, Odense, and Copenhagen. Papers are in both English and Scandinavian languages. The scope of the symposia is the whole of the Viking sphere, including Scandinavia, the British Isles and the North Atlantic Islands.

Hingst, Hans: *Urnenfriedhöfe der vorrömischen Eisenzeit aus Südostholstein* (Urnenfriedhöfe Schleswig-Holsteins Band 12). Offa-Bücher, Band 67. Karl Wachholtz Verlag, Neumünster 1989. 274pp. 133 plates, 29 maps.

Nine recently investigated urn cemeteries in southeastern Holstein illustrate aspects of social differentiation and regional group formation from the Pre-Roman to the Roman Iron Age.

Lagler, Kerstin: *Sörup II und Südensee. Zwei eisenzeitliche Urnenfriedhöfe in Angeln* (Urnenfriedhöfe Schleswig-Holsteins Band 13). Offa-Bücher, Band 68. Karl Wachholtz Verlag, Neumünster 1989. 121pp, 77 maps, 65 plates.

The publication of two Iron Age cemeteries in Schleswig: Sörup II (184 graves) and Südensee (265 graves). Comparisons are made with contemporary urn grave cemeteries on Funen, Denmark. Interpretations are suggested regarding social group and sex of the deceased.

Larsson, Lars: *The Skateholm Projekt. I, Man an Environment*. Acta Regiae Societatis humaniorum litterarum lundensis LXXIX. Almqvist & Wiksell, Stockholm, 1988. 180 pp.

Interdisciplinary studies of palaeoenvironment, fauna, and human dentition relating to the settlement and grave finds from the Late Mesolithic site at Skateholm in South Scania, Sweden.

Liebgott, Niels-Knud: *Dansk Middelalderarkæologi*. G.E.C. Gad, København 1989. 344 pp.

The results of medieval archaeology in Denmark since 1950. This well-illustrated book is written entirely in Danish but has many references.

Madsen, Torsten (ed.): *Multivariate Archaeology. Numerical Approaches in Scandinavian Archaeology*. Jutland Archaeological Society Publications XXI (distributed by Aarhus University Press), 1988. 151pp.

Eleven papers exercise the use of multivariate statistical Methods in archaeology. The problems treated include typology, chronology, and distribution, and the methods are employed on complex archaeological material from sites as wide apart as Arctic Norway and The Arabian Gulf.

Mikkelsen, Vald. M.: *The Commons of Rejnstrup, Denmark. The exploitation of marginal land from antiquity to present time and its influence on the vegetation*. The Royal Danish Academy of Sciences and Letters, Biologiske Skrifter 33. Munksgaard, Copenhagen 1989. 34pp.

Archaeological and palynological investigations together with studies of archives illuminate the vegetational history and the exploitation of an area of 190 ha from the Neolithic to present times.

Mortensen, P. & Rasmussen, B.M.(eds.): *Jernalderens Stamme-samfund. Fra stamme til Stat i Danmark I*. Jutland Archaeological Society Publications XXII (distribution by Aarhus University Press), 1988. 149pp. Summaries.

The first volume of a series of publications resulting from the Danish research programme "Fra Stamme til Stat" (from tribe to state). Nine papers deal with problems of chronology, regional variation, army equipment, transport, economy, and ethno-archaeology.

Poulsen, Jens (ed.): *Regionale forhold i Nordisk Bronzealder*. Jutland Archaeological Society Publications vol. XXIV, 1989. 188pp. Distribution: Aarhus University Press.

Report of the 5th Nordic Symposium on Bronze Age Studies, Sandbjerg 1987. It contains 20 papers by Scandinavian and German Bronze Age specialists. Two papers are written in English and 18 in Scandinavian languages with summaries in English.

Street, Martin: *Jäger und Schamanen. Bedburg - Königshoven, ein Wohnplatz am Niederrhein vor 10000 Jahren*. Römisch-Germanisches Zentralmuseum, Mainz 1989. 55pp.

Short, well-illustrated report on the finds from a Pre-Boreal hunting camp found in an open-cast coal-mining district near Münchengladbach on the Lower Rhine.

Walton, Penelope: *Textiles, Cordage and Raw Fibre from 16-22 Coppergate*. The Archaeology of York, Volume 17: The Small Finds, Fascicule 5. Published for the York Archaeological Trust by the Council for British Archaeology. Dorchester, 1989. 169pp, 19 plates, 1 microfiche (with diagrams).

Under study are 211 samples of raw fibre, cordage and wool, silk and linen textiles from the Anglo-Scandinavian and medieval levels at Coppergate, including the first British find of a Viking sock.